

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

November 1, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Place: MDOT 1st floor auditorium

Commission Members Present:

MS Dept of Public Safety	George Phillips
MS Department of Corrections	Chris Epps
MS Department of Information Technology Services	David Litchliter
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Keith Harkins
MS Department of Homeland Security	Jay Ledbetter
MS Supervisors Association	Joel Yelverton
MS Department of Health	Michael Scales
MS Highway Patrol	Michael Berthay
MS National Guard	Gary Ladd
MS Emergency Management Agency	Tom McAllister
MS Municipal League	Quincy Mukoro
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Tom Lariviere

Advisory Members Present:

Senator Jack Gordon	Representative Clayton Smith
Senator Tom King	Representative Johnny Stringer
	Representative Tyrone Ellis

Chairman George Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Mike Scales of the Department of Health requested that the minutes be amended to list him as the representative for his department. Tom McAllister made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment. Jay Ledbetter seconded the motion, and it passed with none opposed.

Joel Yelverton reported for the Rules Committee. There were three requests. The City of Gulfport submitted a project follow-up as requested by the Commission at the April meeting. They received proposals for a mobile data system, which will not be required to interoperate with the state system. The proposal from GE, which totaled \$1,040,893.61 will be accepted. Mr. Yelverton made a motion to allow the City of Gulfport to accept the proposal. The motion was seconded by Tom Lariviere, and passed with none opposed.

The second request was from the City of Biloxi. They requested to purchase 150 radios that will be interoperable with the state system. The cost of the purchase will be \$727,350. Mr. Yelverton made a motion to allow the City of Biloxi to purchase the radios. The motion was seconded by Keith Harkins, and passed with none opposed.

The third request was from the Department of Human Services. They are currently using Verizon Wireless as a provider for the GPS locator feature, which allows them to track employees. Verizon Wireless does not provide the needed state coverage that Cellular South does, but Cellular South does not have the GPS functionality required for the department. At this time 76 data units and 83 voice devices will be moved to

Cellular South. The Committee has requested additional information regarding Verizon's coverage and Cellular South's GPS plans and will revisit this issue next month. Mr. Yelverton made a motion to allow the Department of Human Services to extend their contract with Verizon one month. Keith Harkins seconded the motion, and it passed with none opposed.

Bill Buffington and Gary Ladd reported for the Governance Committee. They held a conference call with Tom Miller of Michigan about many issues concerning the governance of such a system as MSWIN. Mr. Miller was very informative. Mr. Ladd said that he would assign various issues identified by Mr. Miller to the Governance subcommittee for review.

Bill Buffington provided updates on the FEMA and MSWIN projects. Almost all of the FEMA sites are running. There have been some problems with provisioning of telecommunications facilities with AT&T, but those are being worked out. Phase I site acquisition of the MSWIN project is practically complete. There is an issue concerning a site location in Natchez because of the location on Natchez Trace property. Site acquisition for Phase II is half-way completed through Hattiesburg. The project is more than a year ahead of schedule. Motorola is planning to break ground in the first quarter of 2008. Mr. Buffington stated that the project team is still working to obtain outside funding sources. David Litchliter stated that the Personnel Board is working with the WCC to hire management personnel.

David Litchliter provided the WCC members with a handout of the monthly expenses and stated that a more detailed breakdown could be provided if needed. The expenditures for last month totaled \$493,290.42. Chris Epps made a motion to approve the expenditures, and it was seconded by Gary Ladd. The motion passed with none opposed.

The next meeting will be on December 6th at 1:30 PM in the MDOT Auditorium.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.